



**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

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Thomas J. Foth, et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/474,492 ) Attorney Docket No.: E-974  
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Confirmation No.: 2311 ) Examiner: Steven R. Wasylchaik  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING ELECTRONIC  
REFUNDS IN AN ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM

**STATUS INQUIRY – APPEAL**

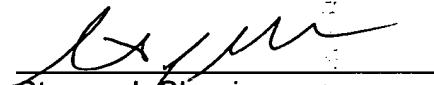
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Sir:

More than 12 months have passed since the filing on November 5, 2004 of an Appeal in the above identified patent application. No Communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating action on this Appeal.

Therefore, applicant wishes to inquire as to the present status of the above-identified pending Appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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